

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted along with a proper Request for Continued Examination, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Entry and consideration of the Amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

All previous arguments and submissions for allowability of the application are herein resubmitted and, additionally, the present amendments are remarks are now offered.

Herein, claims 1, 2, 9, and 11 are amended and claims 13-20 are newly added. Claims 1-20 are now pending and, further, are allowable over the cited and relied upon references.

In the present Amendment, claims 1 and 2 are rewritten to recite a surge absorber without chips comprising, *inter alia*, a pair of lead terminals, each having a lead portion and a broadened tip with at least one broadened tip having a projected or patterned surface. At least this limitation is not taught or suggested by any of the cited and relied upon references, taken singularly or in combination. Thus claims 1 and 2, and claims 3-20 variously depending therefrom, are allowable.

Claims 9 and 11 are amended to correct previous typographical errors and are allowable as depending upon allowable claim 2.

Claims 13-20 are herein added to further define the projected or patterned surface recited in amended claims 1 and 2. Claims 13-20 are allowable as variously depending from allowable claims 1 and 2.

The amendments made herein introduce no new matter.

Pending claims 1-20 are novel, non-obvious, and satisfy the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112, thus claims 1-20 are allowable to Applicant. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extension of time in order to have this Amendment entered and considered.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorneys at the below-listed telephone number concerning the present Amendment or otherwise regarding the instant application.

Please charge any fees due and credit any amounts to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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